

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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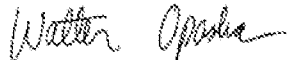
**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Applicant petitions the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated October 9, 2007, for one month, from January 9, 2008 to February 11, 2007. February 9<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday. Accordingly, a filing on the next business day, February 11<sup>th</sup> is considered a filing by the February 9<sup>th</sup> deadline an only a one month extension is required.

The Director of the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 fee and any additional required fees necessitated by this Petition to Extend Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-4467.

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